P R O C L A M A T I O N

WHEREAS, Americans of Swiss origin have always been welcome additions to our land because they have brought with them their proud ideal of freedom which they have mingled with our own and which has helped advance the United States to the position of world leadership it occupies today; and

WHEREAS, Switzerland's heritage of democracy is an old and honorable one, dating back to August 1, 1291, when a group of patriots in the north of that little Alpine nation told tyrants and monarchs to keep hands off; and

WHEREAS, just before the Swiss-American Treaty of Friendship was signed in 1850, U.S. Secretary of State Clayton set down these words about the Swiss: "We regard as brothers and benefactors of the human family those enlightened and inflexible patriots in continental Europe, who have continued steadfast in their purpose to give to their countrymen such permanent institutions as Washington and his contemporaries gave to America..."; and

WHEREAS, in the 110 years since, dealings between the two nations have been exemplary. We have been good customers of the Swiss and they have been good customers of ours. They have shown themselves to be as dependable as the fine watches they manufacture; and

WHEREAS, this harmony of trade and freedom has worked out fine for the citizens of both lands. Two of the freest peoples on earth have shown that reciprocal treatment on an equal footing makes for true concord; and

WHEREAS, in the United States, the Swiss-Americans are among our finest citizens. From their ranks have come outstanding contributors to the American way of life; and

WHEREAS, we in American should mark the anniversary of Swiss Independence Day as is fitting and annually, descendants of Swiss pioneers in the states throughout the land celebrate this historic date;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ARCHIE GUBBRUD, Governor of the State of South Dakota do hereby proclaim August 1, 1961 as

SWISS INDEPENDENCE DAY

in the State of South Dakota.

GIVEN, under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota, this 14 day of July, in the year of our Lord One Thousand Nine Hundred and Sixty-One.

Archie Gubbrud, Governor

ATTEST:

Secretary of State

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